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**MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence****SUBJECT: Conversation with Sen. Carl Hayden (D., Ariz.)**

1. In a conversation I had this morning with Senator Carl Hayden (ranking Minority Member of the Senate Rules Committee and Appropriations Committee), I discussed the Mansfield Resolution (S. Con. Res. 69), to establish a Joint Committee on Central Intelligence. Senator Hayden stated that at the meeting at which this was considered (26 May 1954) Senator Mansfield had presented his arguments and Senator Saltonstall had appeared in opposition. Senator Saltonstall had particularly pointed out that the creation of such a Committee would tend to alarm people and leave the impression that something was wrong with the Agency.

2. In the course of the presentation, the Committee noted that the four senior men on Appropriations and Armed Services were briefed on CIA matters to the extent that they desired to be briefed; whereupon Senator Mansfield suggested that these eight men constitute the Senate part of the Committee. This argument met the same resistance as the others. Senator Hayden stated that as far as he personally was concerned he did not wish to know very much about CIA for fear he might make a break at the wrong time.

3. After the two Senators had withdrawn, Chairman Jenner had indicated that he was somewhat confused by the situation because he had heard some complaints about CIA. However, the Chairman did not take a hostile position. Senator Hayden assured me that the Resolution would not be reported out if he could prevent it, and it is generally considered that no further action on it will take place this year.

4. Senator Hayden [redacted]

[redacted] inquired whether or not Armed Services had handled out basic legislation, and I assured him that it had handled all of our legislation in the Senate, and was considered by us to have jurisdiction as our parent Committee. With this the Senator was in full agreement.

5. Senator Hayden then read to me a draft of a proposed rule which he was considering sponsoring. This rule would provide a mechanism whereby the Chairman of a Senate Committee who felt that another Com-

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mittee was impinging on his jurisdiction could bring the question for an authoritative ruling by the Senate or an appropriate organ thereof. Senator Hayden has not yet determined how to proceed with this rule because if he offers it, it is subject to unlimited Floor debate. He plans to discuss it with Senator Saltonstall before reaching any firm decision.

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